

**Board of Health
Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Penn Room**

Members Attending: J. Wong, B. Hospidor, K. Schorn, J. Seidel
Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, T. Coleman, J. Orrs

Dr. Wong called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

The April 2, 2013 minutes were accepted, as written, by consensus.

Health Officer Report

Dr. Wong questioned if a Health Officer has been hired. Mr. Orrs stated that one has been hired and begins work tomorrow.

Dr. Wong questioned who the new Health Officer is. Mr. Orrs stated that it is Dr. Thomas Kohl.

Mr. Orrs reviewed the report distributed at the meeting explaining each category for better understanding by the new members.

Dr. Wong questioned the discontinuation of the dust wipes. Mr. Orrs stated that this is a State program. He stated that the office is currently unmanned and that this is not a City function.

There was a discussion of the need to review handicap parking space applications.

Dr. Wong questioned if the new Health Officer would attend Board of Health meetings. Mr. Orrs stated that he was unsure.

Dr. Wong stated that Dr. Kohl should be encouraged to attend as Dr. Hassel attended regularly to give the Board updates. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that in the past, attendance at Board of Health meetings was part of the duties of the Health Officer.

Tattoo Parlor Ordinance Update

The Board performed a page by page review of the ordinance.

- Dr. Wong requested that the need for a permit be added to the ordinance heading and cover page.
- There was discussion regarding the terms "Disinfectant" and "Liquid Chemical Germicide." It was determined that the term Liquid Chemical Germicide would be used throughout the document and all references to disinfectant would be removed.
- Section 7 Letter B number 10 referring to the back flow preventer on sinks will be removed and the rest of the section renumbered.

The information regarding laser removal is yet to be determined. Ms. Katzenmoyer suggested that the language remain as is until the additional information is learned and the regulations be amended in the future as necessary. The Board agreed.

The penalty sections will be amended by Mr. Coleman to reference the City's Property Maintenance Code regarding fine amounts and closing unregistered establishments.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she will remove the comments and the change tracking in the document (except the changes suggested at this meeting) before the next meeting so that it is easier to read and to ensure that all information is correct.

Mr. Orrs explained that when an unregistered establishment is found they will be told that they must begin the registration and inspection process the same day. If they do not, the establishment will be placarded and closed.

Dr. Wong questioned if the entire establishment would be closed if tattooing was only part of the services performed. Mr. Coleman stated that the entire establishment can be closed as this poses a serious health and safety issue and the establishment must pass inspection before it will be registered and the placard removed.

Membership Update

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the pending applicant did not pass the background clearance. She stated that this leaves one opening for an Environmental Professional and one opening for a medical alternate.

Animal Control Legislation

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Mr. Coleman has the background information including the legislation as written in 2010 when it was defeated.

Mr. Coleman warned the members to prepare for opposition to this regulation.

Mr. Hospidor questioned if there was another way to address this issue. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained the problems encountered when approaching this issue another way. She and Mr. Orrs used the property on Mineral Spring Road as an example.

Dr. Wong questioned the kennel issue. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the State regulates kennels. She suggested that this be referenced in the legislation.

Other Matter

Dr. Wong noted the need to encourage residents to exercise regularly. He stated that many cite fear when they are asked why they do not walk in the City. He suggested a weekly "Walk Day" where all residents are encouraged to walk around their neighborhood. He stated that this is a great way to meet neighbors and get a feel of neighborhoods. He stated that having people walking would also reduce fear.

Mr. Hospidor stated that he is a part of Walk Bike Berks. He stated that this group has walking programs in some County schools and stated that many City school children already walk to school. He agreed that more needs to be done.

Ms. Schorn stated that many people don't like the idea of exercise.

Mr. Hospidor stated that with the advent of electronics, many people spend more time being sedentary. He noted the need to increase biking and to make safe bike routes throughout the City.

Dr. Wong encouraged members to bring ideas to the next meeting to discuss this issue further.

Mr. Hospidor stated that May 17 is "Bike to Work Day" and encouraged all present to participate. He explained the area trail system.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 4 pm in the Penn Room.

Respectfully submitted
Shelly Katzenmoyer
Deputy City Clerk